(The scheme relating to providing vessels to prospective entrepreneurs free of cost has been sanctioned by the Govt. recently for implementation during 1993-94 at an estimated cost of Rs. 84.00 lakhs.

Bridge across Brahmaputra at Bogibil in Assam

3786. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed bridge across Brahmaputra at Bogibil in Upper Assam; and

(b) what are the reasons for non-inclusion of the Bridge in the current Budget ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The proposed rail-cum-road bridge across Brahmaputra at Bogibil when completed will fall on a State Road and is thus the responsibility of the Government of Assam. However, it has been decided to view this project from overall national perspective as regards assistance for funding is concerned, but the work can be taken up only after completion of the rail-cum-road bridge across Brahmaputra at Jogighopa.

Pending work of Ganga Bridge

3787. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the progress of the work done till date regarding construction work of bypass road between Mohansarai and Mughalsarai and also to complete the pending work of Ganga bridge there;

(b) whether the World Bank is assisting to get the work done within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance given by World Bank and by when both the work would be fully completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Upto February, 1993 progress of construction of Ganga bridge is 41% and of bypass road portion 27%.

(b) and (c) This was one of the projects included in the First Loan Assistance of the World Bank. The loan for this project has closed on 31-12-1992 as the World Bank have not agreed for its extension. Reinbursement of about Rs. 1634.5 lakhs has been claimed from the World Bank till 22-2-1993. The works are scheduled to be completed by June, 1995.

Andaman Port Management Board

3788. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman Port Management Board has been offering the maintenance and the repair work of the boats maintained by the Board to certain selected private contractors despite the fact that all the facilities to undertake the work exist with the Board;

(b) if so, what is the annual amount spent by the APMB on the maintenance and repairs of the boats;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for awarding the work to private contractors when the APMB is equipped with the facilities required;

(d) whether Government have made any inquiry into the malpractices in the APMB if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in the matter

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) During 1992, an expenditure of Rs. 13,52,488 was incurred on maintenance and repairs of boats done through

Andaman & Lakshadweep Harbour Works by the Port Management Board.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

सड़क निधि से आवंटन

3789. **श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा :** क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार सड़क निधि के रूप में 3.5 पैसे प्रति लीटर की दर से राशि वसूल करती है जिसे सड़कों पर पुल बनाए जाने हेतु राज्य सरकारों को प्रदान किया जाता है, और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि 1988-89 के वर्ष में भारत सरकार ने इसे 3.5 पैसे से बढ़ाकर 5 प्रतिशत कर दिया लेकिन राज्य सरकारों को तदनुसार अधिक राशि नहीं दी जा रही है ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, हां । इस निधि का उपयोग राज्य सड़क नेटवर्क पर, सड़कों तथा पुलों दोनों के लिए किया जाता है ।

(ख) जी, हां । तथापि, राज्यों को बढ़ी हुई राशि उपलब्ध कराना संभव नहीं हुआ है क्योंकि वास्तविक वृद्धि अभी होनी है ।

Display of Point to Point fare Charges in the Bus

3790. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards various grievances of Delhi Commuters regarding racing competition, excess charging of fare and bad body design of buses under State Transport Authority which have appeared in certain columns of press on 8th March, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to have point to point fare charges displayed near entry gates to redress grievances of excess charging;

(d) whether Government also proposed to fix some penalty against STA permit holders and operating staff of buses under S.T.A. indulging in rash driving; and

(e) if so, the details therefo; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT: (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The grievances expressed relate to rash driving, racing, excess charging of fare, rude crew behaviour, bad bus degign and violation of allotted routes by Red Line buses. The State Transport Authority of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been taking appropriate action as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder against the offenders.

(c) No such proposal is under considration of the Government.

(d) and (e) Action under Section 86 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is taken against all those STA permit holders who are found to be involved in violation of permit conditions, which includes suspension/cancellation and compounding of the offences under Section 86(5) of the M.V. Act, 1988. As regard rash and negligent driving, action is taken under Section 184 of the M.V. Act, 1988 which also provides for imosition of penalty.

Introduction of Trams in Delhi

3791. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reintroduce the trams and trolley buses